Houses under the RLEGP

*204. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to sanction houses under the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme to all weaker sections of society in the flood-affected areas in the various States irrespective of their caste and community;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such request was made by the Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) to (d) Under Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP), houses can be built for only Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes below poverty line and the freed bonded labourers—whether they are flood affected or not. For those above the poverty line, no provision exists under RLEGP to build houses. However, under the flood relief norms, assistance is provided for those whose houses are damaged by flood irrespective of caste or community.

Government of Andhra Pradesh has made a request for construction of 50,000 houses from out of non-earmarked funds under RLEGP for poorer sections of the society belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and backward classes in the areas of the State affected by the recent rains and floods. Since the houses being constructed under the RLEGP are meant only for the benefit of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes below the poverty line and the freed bonded labourers, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been advised to formulate any project covering this set of beneficiaries from the non-earmarked funds of RLEGP for consideration and approval of the Government of India.

Sale of Potato chips and other snack foods by the Pepsico

*207. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what per cent of the total Punjab Agro-Pepsico project's sales would be of Potato Chips and other snack foods;

(b) what percentage thereof would be of soft drinks; and

(c) whether these two items would be of help to horticulture and to the farmers and if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) 40 per cent.

(b) 25 per cent.

(c) The proposed foreign collaboration by Punjab Agro Industries Corporation envisages transfer of 'State-of-the-art' technology for increasing yields, developing suitable varieties of fruits, vegetables and oilseeds, introduction of improved agronomic practices, introduction of new postharvest technologies for better storage and distribution and above all, for linking R&D effort to the needs of the market and industry. This is expected to result in better yield of crops and consequently higher income to the farmers. Inter-alia the manufacture of potato based products and fruit based soft drinks will ensure offtake of fruit and vegetable also and benefit the farmers.

Drinking water in Madhya Pradesh

*208. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 60 per cent of the work under the Technology Mission programme for drinking water in the tribal Johaba District of the Western Coast

of Madhya Pradsn has been completed within the first six months of the commenacment of the programme; and

(b) if so, what were the main schemes prepared by the Technology Mission in this regard and what was the total amount spent on these schemes so far and what was the programme prepared for drinking water works in other parts of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) and (b) With a view to achieve the objectives to the Technology Mission, three Mini Mission Projects including one in Jhabua, have been taken up in Madhya Pradesh on a pilot basis for comprehensive water supply management in rural areas. On the basis of the experience gained from these projects similar solutions will be replicated in other parts of the State. The important schemes taken up under the Mini Misssion Projects include survey, investigation and preparation of project reports, water quality control programme, of digging of tube wells in difficult areas guineaworm, fluorosis affected villages, development sources in problem villages, construction of water harvesting structures, propagation of health education through voluntary organisation etc. Detailed project report on Jhabua has been approved by the Government of India. The status of activities in the Mini Mission areas in Jhabua districts is as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Mini Mission	Cost of D.P.R.	Cost approved	Fund released	Expenditure incurred (upto Oct. '88)
Jhabua	730.67	345.44	331.30	240.68

$Excluding activities to be dovetailed under other programmes.

The physical and finanacial targets and achievements so far under Drinking Water Supply sector in Madhya Pradesh under ARWSP and State MNP are as under:—

Year	Physical achievement: Target	Coverage of No. of problem Villages (Including partially covered PVs)		Financial progress (Rs. in crores): MNP	ARWSP
1986-87	3000	3730		27.69	30.88
1987-88	5300	3760		44.36	34.55
1988-89	5300	4080	(Upto September '88)	8.68*	15.43*

*Upto July, 1988.